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REPORT ON THE SUKHI222 DRCONGO WATER FILTERS DISTRIBUTION

1. Introduction

The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has more than 50% of the African continent's water reserves, but despite this fabulous potential, 33 million people in rural areas do not have access to quality water. Despite continuous efforts, only 52% of the population has access to an improved water point and 29% to improved sanitation facilities.

At the same time, chronic malnutrition affects 43% of children aged 0 to 5 throughout the Congolese territory. Malnutrition results from multiple causes, including poor access to drinking water, sanitation services and the failure to adopt basic hygiene practices. More generally, access to quality water and adequate sanitary and hygienic conditions allow the prevention of many other waterborne diseases.

Given the difficult conditions in which the populations of Minova live, we had sent an sos to SUKHI 222 who responded favorably to our call. Once the idea was shared and understood at Flourish Together, determined volunteers team was assembled in Minova as follows:

1. Herman Chirihambali Lwango (Leader)
2. Fautin Kabumba Balezi
3. Eveline
4. Linda Karusha
5. Nabintu Magadju
6. Christian Lazaro

The lead took more time during a special training to explain the vision and mission of SUKHI222 and demonstrate the installation, use, maintenance of the SUKHI222 water filters

2. DISTRIBUTION OF THE WATER FILTERS

Once the SUKHI222 filters arrived in the country, they were equally shared with the Flourish Together's team at Minova, South Kivu Province.

The target communities are, schools, orphanages and health centres inclusive which had unsafe sources of water. The team managed to distribute the filters to the following structures:

1. MINOVA Primary school
2. CS GASON Primary school
3. EMMANUEL Primary school
4. LA DECOUVERTE Primary school
5. KABOLWA Primary school
6. APOTRE Primary school
7. BUGANGA Primary school
8. KISHINJI Primary school
9. BWISHA Health center
10. RUTSHUNDA Health Center
11. MWANGA Primary school
12. Kishinji Health center
13. Neema Primary school
14. Bwisha primary school

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STRUCTURE	Number of beneficiaries	Adress/ structure location	Number of the filter received	obser
MINOVA Primary school	943students	Minova	02	

CS GASON Primary school	426students	Minova	01	
EMMANUEL Primary school	5o6students	Minova	02	
LA DECOUVERTE Primary school	378students	Minova	02	
KABOLWA Primary school	544students	Minova	01	
APOTRE Primary school	289students	Minova	01	
BUGANGA Primary school	687students	Buganga	01	
KISHINJI Health center	5345people	Kishinji	01	
BWISHA Health center	2345people	Bwisha	01	
RUTSHUNDA Health Center	3746people	Minova	01	
MWANGA Primary school	567students	ludahuba	03	
BWISHA Health center	2345people	bwisha	01	
Kishinji Primary school	477students	kishinji	02	
Neema primary school	656students	kiguli	03	

The key people at each structure were oriented on how to take care of the filters and contacts recorded for future follow up activities. The team also took images or pictures for each station visited. Buckets as well as filters were labelled accordingly for accountability purposes.

3. SUCCESSES

This project was very successful and the communities were very grateful to SUKHI222 for this support which will be saving lives, they were delighted to have been given filters for free. The clinics especially, emphasised on the importance and potential impact of the filters. We were told that water borne diseases were on the increase because of unsafe water hence, the clinics were always overwhelmed with patients. For all the schools were we provided filters, this was the first time for them to get clean water at the school, apart from helping to reduce diseases, these filters will help to maintain children at school .

4. CHALLENGES

The big challenge was the few numbers of filters that were distributed, all the schools and clinics wanted to get filters from us, we have a lot of letters of request of SKHI222 filters, the volunteers also thought they could be paid a motivation, the other issue is the monitoring and evaluation that is done monthly while it needs transport and communication.

5. SUGGESTIONS

-Sukhi222 to continue reaching out to the underprivileged communities in DRCongo by increasing supply of water filters in order to reach out to more people.

- Sukhi222 to consider providing potable gadgets including proper cameras to use during field work.

-Where possible, logistics for future work be enhanced.

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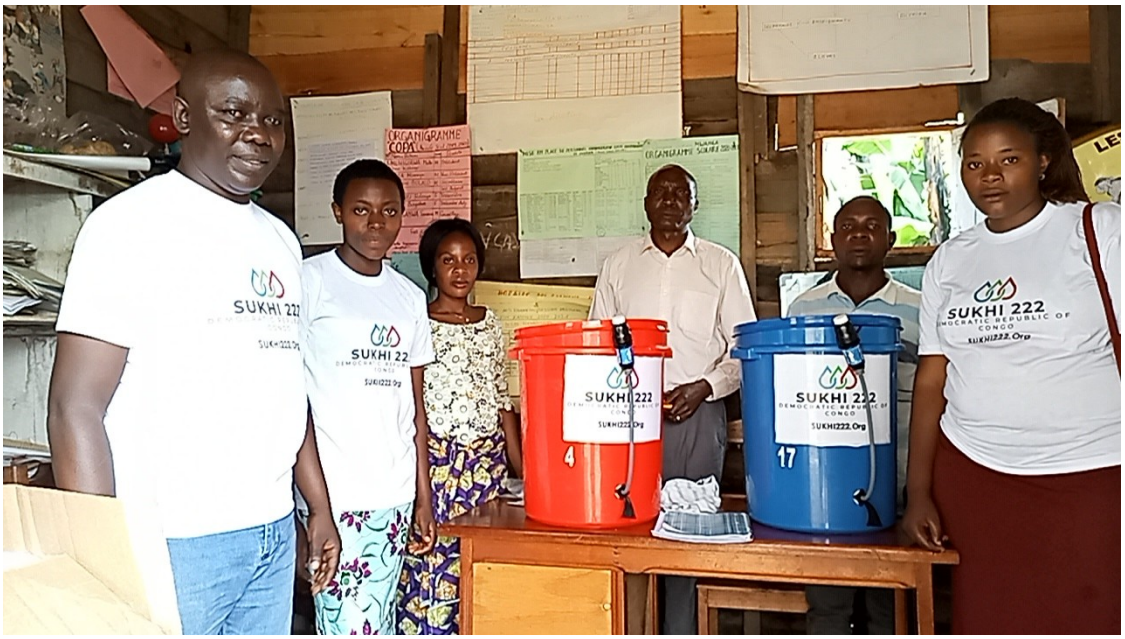
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